The man who says he is not worthy of her, too frequently proves his point. English public opinion has smoth ered the British soap trust in its own Special Message the Re-

The indications now are that Sants Claus in going to carry every state in

Crown Prince George of Servia is said to be mentally sound—that is, for a crown prince.

Faint heart ne'er wins fair lady; but, for that matter, neither does the faint bank account

The man who manufactured chew ing gum is dead, but the evil that he did lives after him.

Not only is the cost of living in ing at the usual rate.

New York burglars who travel in automobiles are doing what they can to make thieving a fine art.

They have found an asbestos min in the Klondike. They would be glad to trade it for a coal mine.

This new disease called auto hear is probably produced by suddenly telling a man the price of the machine.

With meat, pickles and confection ery under suspicion, the public may yet have to subsist on breakfast food Japan is conquering Manchuria com-

mercially which is a more substantial and lasting way than shooting holes A Berlin official in Germany has slept for two years. It would almost

be worth while now to wake up and Rev. Hugh Black, of Scotland, save "Hades is very much like New York.

Dr. Black talks like a man who has been there and ought to know. Dehorned spelling will never do We "jernlists" would never consent to having our time-honored slogan

converted into "The pen is mitter than The Buffalo Times tells of a boy who took several ounces of rough-on rats without suffering any evil effects

but it appears that he worked in . drug store and took it to a custome There are expressions of disapproval among eminent Japanese of the education of women in this country. But Japan may be depended on to accept

this phase of civilization along with the rest in the course of time. The so-called soap trust in England is said to have been "busted" by a boycott. The method seems to be simple and effective. No trust, how over big and presumably powerful, can succeed if the public refuses to pur-

A Boston girl at Vassar told her classimates that so far as she was concerned, she had no ambition further than to do her duty by the man she expected to marry and the children which were born to her. Isn't this a dangerous line of anticipation for a

Prof. Galloway of the departmen of agriculture some time ago grafted a Japanese orange shoot on a Florida orange tree. When he picked the supposed oranges from the reconstructed tree he found they were lemons. Even nature has begun to hand

The Geological Survey having discovered that there are sufficient coal deposits in the United States to last 5,000 years, should continue its researches to determine whether there are enough of the precious metals, or even gems, in the earth to pay the coal bills through those centuries.

You can get to the north pole by drifting with the current, but it will take two or three years to reach there by this method, says a scientist. How ever, those who have plenty of time on their hands may try the plan proposed and trust to luck to get back to civilization and fertilization.

The auto is winning its way every where. It has stood the test of trips across the American continent. It has made a tour around the world, carried passengers to the frigid north and cap Thibet. And now a venture thusiast is to make a trip in the horse less vehicle through the desert of Sahara, once supposed to be given over to the camel caravans.

Gypsy Smith apparently believe that religion and humor can go well together. And why not? There is nothing gloomy about genuine plety Heaven lies about us in our childh and it might all the rest of our live if we were not so blamed pessiz

When a man can pull an oar at 70, as can President Eliot, it seems as if Dr. Osler's 40-year limit had been wiped out.

If a man doesn't amount to any thing himself, he boasts of his ances

The dogfish has had its own way long enough in eating cod and had dock, but now he is to come into the market as food, and thus cease to be a constant menace to the fisherman's

fares. Turn about is always fair play. in Kansas shocked a whole field of corn.-Peoria Herald Transcript, Well. that lightened the farmer's work.

"A foreign duke has captured an other rich American girl."-Exchange. With his coro-net?

Physicians object to the simplified spelling of the names of diseases. The more formidable looking the name of their disorders the less patients object to the size of the fee.

A university professor in Berlin save a man six feet high ought to have s sent one-quarter that distan it ches—from the ground, and his desk should be 30 mches high.

A London man played the piano 4 hours consecutively, proving his phy-sical endurance, his idiocy and the patience of his neighbors.

Marble Hill Press. PRESIDENT TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN PORTO RICO

sult of Chief Executive's Recent Visit.

MUCH GOOD WORK DONE

Progress Made Under American Administration is Pointed to with Pride-Last Year the Most Pros-American Citizenship Upon the sular Governments Placed in One

Washington,-President Roosevelt message, describing conditions in Porto Rico, and making recommendations was read to the congress. It is as fo

To the Senate and House of Represen

On November 21 I visited the Islan of Porto Rico, landing at Ponce, crossing by the old Spanish road by Cayey to San Juan, and returning next morning over the new American road from Arecibo to Ponce; the scenery was wonderfully beautiful, especially among the mountains of the interior, which constitute a veritable tropic Switzerland. I could not embark at San Juan because the harbor has not been dredged out and can not receive an American battleship. I do not think this fact creditable to us as a nation, and I earnestly hope that immediate provision will be made for dredging San Juan harbor.

I doubt whether our peo whole realize the beauty and fertility of Porto Rico, and the progress that government. We have just cause for pride in the character of our representatives who have administered tropic islands which came under our flag as a result of the war with Spainand of no one of them is this more true than of Porto Rico. It would be impossible to wish a more faithful, efficient and a more disinterested public service than that now being rendered in the island of Porto Rico by those in control of the insular

I stopped at a dozen towns all toland one of the notable features in every town was the gathering of the school children. The work that has been done in Porto Rico for education has been noteworthy. The main emphasis, as is eminently wise and proper, has been put upon primary educa tion; but in addition to this there is a normal school, and agricultural school, three industrial and three high schools. Every effort is being made to secure not only the benefits of elementary education to all the Porto Ricans of the next generation, but ly liberty. They are providing a gov also as far as means will permit to train them so that the industrial, agricultural and commercial opportunities citizens; that is, based upon a rigid best possible advantage. It was evident at a glance that the teachers both Americans and native Porto Ricans, were devoted to their work, took the greatest pride in it, and were endeavoring to train their pupils, not only in mind, but in what counts for the minority has rights which must far more than mind in citizenship, that not be disregarded or trampled upon. is, in character.

I was very much struck by the excellent character both of the insular police and of the Porto Rican regiment. They are both of them bodies that reflect credit upon the American administration of the island. The insular police are under the local Porto Rican government. The Porto Ricar regiment of troops must be appropriated for by the congress. I earnestly hope that this body will be kept permanent. There should certainly be troops in the island, and it is wise that these troops should be thenselves native Porto Ricans. It would be from every standpoint a mistake not that from time to time arise in an-

to perpetuate this regiment. In traversing the island even the most cursory survey leaves the be-holder struck with the evident rapid growth in the culture both of the sugar cane and tobacco. The fruit industry is also growing. Last year was the most prosperous year that the island has ever kno vn before or since tration, it is but fair to those who dethe American occupation. The total of exports and imports of the island was \$45,000,000, as against \$18,000,000 any other which in the actual working in 1901. This is the larges: in the would have accomplished better re island's history. Prior to the Americality. THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

any one year was that of 1898, when it reached nearly \$22,000,000. Last year, therefore, there was double the trade therefore, there was double the trade that there was in the most prosperous year under the Spanish regime. There were \$10,373 tons of sugar exported last year, of the value of \$14,186,319; \$2,555,163 of tobacco, and \$28,290,322 pounds of coffee of the value of \$3,481,102. Unfortunately, what used to be Porto Rico's prime cropcoffee—has not shared this prosperity. It has never recovered from the ity. It has never recovered from the disaster of the hurricane, and, moreover, the benefit of throwing open our market to it has not compensated for the loss inflicted by the closing of he markets to it abroad. I call your attention to the accompanying memo-rial on this supject of the board of trade of San Juan, and I carnestly hope that some measure will be taken for the benefit of the excellent and high grade Porto Rican coffee.

There is a matter to which I wish to call your especial attention, and that is the desirability of conferring full American citizenship upon the hope that this will be done. I can not see how any harm can possibly result from it, and it seems to me a mat ter of right and justice to the people perous the Island Has Ever Known of Porto Rico. They are loyal, they Congress Urged to Confer Full are glad to be under our flag, they are making rapid progress along the path Porto Ricans-Nould Have All In- of orderly liberty. Surely we should show our appreciation of them, our pride in what they have done, and for what has thus been done, by grant ing them full American citizenship.

Under the wise administration of the

present governor and council, marked progress has been made in the difficult matter of granting to the people of the island the largest measure of self-gov at the present time. It would have been a very serious mistake to have gone any faster than we have already gone in this direction. The Porto Ricans have complete and absolute autonomy in all their municipal goveraments, the only power over the ed by the insular governm being that of removing corrupt or in competent municipal officials. on the clearest proof of corruption or of incompetence—such as to jeopar-dise the interests of the people of the island; and under such circumstances it has been fearlessly used to the im mense benefit of the people. It is not power with which it would be safe, for the sake of the island itself, to dispense at present. The lower house is solutely elective, while the uppe couse is appointive. This scheme working well; no injustice of any kind results from it, and great benefit to the Island, and it should certainly not be changed at this time. The machin ery of the elections is administered enselves, the governor and council keep ing only such supervision as is neces sary in order to insure an orderly election. Any protest as to electoral frauds is settled in the courts. Here again it would not be safe to make any change in the present system. The election this year were absolutely orderly, unaccompanied by any disturbance; an no protest has been made against the ment of the elections, although three contests are threatened where the majorities were very small and error was claimed; the contests, of course, to be settled in the courts. In short, the governor and council are co operating with all of the most enlightened and most natriotic of the people of Porto Rico in educating the citizen of the island in the principles of order ernment based upon each citizen's self to the observance of the principles of justice instill into the minds of people unacenglomed to the exercise of freedom the two basic principles of our Ameri can system; the principle that the majority must rule, and the principle that

> Yet real progress has been made in having these principles accepted as elementary, as the foundations of successful self-government. I transmit herewith the report of the governor of Porto Rico, sent to the

> president through the secretary of All the insular governments should be placed in one bureau, either in the department of war or the department of state. It is a mistake not so to arrange our handling of these islands at Washington as to be able to take advantage of the experience gained in one, when dealing with the problems

> In conclusion let me express my admiration for the work done by the congress when it enacted the law under which the island is now being administered. After seeing the island perence in connection with its adminisvised this law to say that it would be well-nigh impossible to have devised

can occupation the greatest trade for The White House, Dec. 11, 1906.

Executioner Saved Watch. Spanish Custom in Decay. Formerly the dowry of every peas ant girl in Spain included a set of linen sheets. On account of the increased cost of lines, this branch of trade has dwindled down to an insignificant figure. Behind on Rent. "They say poor Shifter is ten year

"Wen, it's not true. I'm his landlord, and I know he's just six months

Italy's King a Coin Collector. The king of Italy's hobby is the col ection of coins. In his collection are more than 50,000 specimens. Strangeenough, he is not musical, much to the regret of his musical subjects, of whom there are so many in that land sunshine and song

Wooden Shoons in Brittany. The making of wooden spoons handleraft in Brittany, and one of considerable importance, for wooden spoons are employed almost univer-

Veteran English Soldier Dead. Harry D. Williams, whose death has occurred at Stourbridge, England, was a crimean and Indian mutiny veteran. He was in the Royal Horse artillery, and altogether was present at 19 engagements.

Little Advancement Made. Sir F. Trevas recently told health society meeting in London that as regards the treatment of our meat before we cat it we have no advance on the habits of our

Joseph Lang, the public execution of Vienna, wears a heavy gold watch chain and a massive watch, which is held securely in his pocket by a thiefproof hook. Both the chain and the book withstood the attack of a pickpocket who endeavored to relieve the hangman of his treasure in a crowded street of the Austrian capital recently The thief was captured, and the watch, on which the grewsome record of its owner's official activity is en graved, was saved.

Important Discovery in Silk. An article in the Strassburger Post nentions a discovery said to have been made by a chemist and engineer of St. Etienne, by which the color may be taken out of silk, and it may be recolored in any desired tint, without in any way injuring its texture. The article goes on to state that in case the inventor can do what he promises it will almost revolutionize the silk industry, and entirely do away with the danger of injuring atiks through coloring by

It is not an uncommon thing for uggets of solid silver to be taken out of the mines at Cobalt, Ontario, weighing from 300 to 699 pounds, says O. Stevenson in the Technical World Magazine for November.

neans of too strong chemicals.

Farm production was thought to have reached its highest point in 1905, but this year has far eclipsed all others and rolled up a total which now promises to reach the stupendous sum of

PANAMA GANAL CONTRACTS

AMERICAN CONTRACTORS TO BE GIVEN FIRST CHARCE

Cut to \$2,000,000 and Right to Reject All Proposals

Washington - Fereign contractor ire to be barred from competition for be completion of the Panama canal Thairman Shonts of the isthmian canal sion has made this announept. Many changes have been agreed o in the form of the contract, but the nost important is the limiting of proposals to American firms. The right will be reserved by the commission to reject all bids, and the commissic will then either throw the competition open to foreign bidders or process ith the work without contract. Jan 12 is the date set for opening pro-

A substantial reduction in the box of the successful bidder was also made by the commission. It will be only \$2, 900,000 and the total liability of the ontractor is to be limited to the loss percentage and premiums otherwis payable to the contractor, and \$3,000,000 in addition, Chairman Shouts in-licated other changes as follows: "To relieve the contractor from

consibility for the use of defective

naterials, provided he has requested

chief engineer in writing fo definite approval of the material "To provide for a later change to the stimated cost and time of construcion as originally agreed to by the er gineer commission, in case the plans and specification for the construction of the canal shall be materially a ered in any respect; or if it shall be made to appear to the president hat the estimates are based on physical data so erroneous as materially t affect the estimated cost and time of construction; or for any other mate dal for which the contractor is no

MANY THOUSANDS KILLED.

Last Smoldering Sparks of Revolution in Russian Poland Subdued.

Warsaw Russian Poland-Report received from points throughout Rus-sian Poland show that the governnent's policy of firmness has been suc cessful in subduing the last of the smoldering sparks of sevolution. This result was accomplished at a terrible cost to the Polish people, the number of victims being estimated at thou ands. Business had become stagnant, the trades and industries are bank runt and the masses are despirited and in a state of poverty.

Reports from Ceznstochowa, which a a typical Polish town, with a population of about 50,000, including many Jews, show that seven so-called terror ists have been tried by drumbead court-martial and executed in the last two days. In the early part of last week five terrorists were tried, convicted and shot here, as also were three at Sieradz, near Kalisz, two at Fomaszow and one at Lomaz. These executions have been going on so cor stantly throughout Poland generally that it has become almost superfluous to repeat the daily chronicle of mill tary executions.

AN ETHNOLOGICAL EXPEDITION. Harvard Expedition to Study the Is dians of the Andes Mountains.

Cambridge, Mass.-One of the mos mportant ethnological expeditions in history of Harvard university will soon leave under the leadership of Dr. W. C. Farabee, for South America to ake an investigation among the In dian tribes of the Andes mountains The general over ight of the expe

dition lies with Prof. F. W. Putnam. professor of American archaeology and ethnology at Harvard, while th expense will te met by an interested graduate whose name is not disclosed Patrick Asks for Life.

New York-The World says: Law-

yer Albert T. Patrick, under sentence for the murder of Millionaire Rice, ha signed a petition to Gov. Higgins, beg ging him to commute the death sen tence to life imprisonment. John T. Milliken, brother-in-law of Patrick who has spent a fortune to save his wife's brother from a felon's death, is the one who insisted that Patrick should ask elemency. It is believed that the governor invisted on a personal letter of appeal from Patrick to the governor.

Empty Freight Cars in Yards. Kansas City, ...o.-The Journal says: A systematic inspection of the terminal railroad yards here shows that there are 3,000 empty freight cars standing idle in 'he Kansas City yards because the railroads have not sufficient motive power to move them. There are not less than 1,000 loaded cars standing in the yards here, and the dates of loading of some of them show that they have been ready to move for two weeks. There is no shortage of cars here, but a shortage of engines.

Six Mon Met Instant Death. Knoxville, Tenn.-Six men met in tant death in a dynamite explosion 24 miles from Newport, Tenn., across the state line, in North Carolina. They were employed on an extension of the Tennessee & North Carolina road

Burglars Loot an Arkansas Bank, Fort Smith, Ark.-Robbers looted the safe in the bank of Lincoln, Ark. getting away with \$1,800, all it con tained. The safe was wrecked and the building partially demolished by an explosion of nitrogiycerin.

The Flyer Collides with a Freight

Canton, O.—The Pennsylvania fiyer astbound, que in Canton at 9:35, col lided with a Wheeling & Lake Erie freight. The freight engineer was killed and the fireman is dying. The flyer was riding slowly. The Longworths in an Accident.

Wachington — Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth were occupants of an automobile which crashed into the station platform at Chevy Chase, a suburb. The occupants were Charged with Being a Mormon Boise, Idaho—A protest against the

onstruction and the material to

as judge of the Fifth district, has been of a prominent Audrain county far filed in the district court of Ban Enthusiastic For River Imp county, on the ground that he is St. Louis—A number of infin Rebuilding the Campanile Halted. Venice—The work of rebuilding th spanile, which collapsed July 14 1902, is not being pushed, owing to controversy as to the method

State Happenings.

About Missouri Schools.

Jefferson City—The forthcoming an nust report of State Superintendent of Public Schools Carrington will con tain a statement that St. Louis has an assessed valuation of \$240,000 per teacher employed, and pays an age salary of \$720, while Kanaas City, with an assessed valuation of \$110, 000 per teacher employed, pays an

average salary of \$810. The compulsory attendance law brought 26,263 children into school the first year it was abopted.

The highest annual salary paid rural teacher in Missouri is \$600 for a term of eight months, or \$75 per month; the lowest is \$60, for a term of four months, or \$15 per month; the average is below \$300. The average levy for school poses in the rural school districts is

about 47 cents on the \$100, assessed valuation, while in the cities towns it is about 82 cents. There is a greater demand

trained teachers than was ever be fore known. The normal scho well attended. The earollment in these five schools since September 1 is, in round numbers, as follows: Kirksville, 600; Warrensburg, 700; Cape Girardeau, 400; Springfield, 200;

Lived In Three Centuries.

Springfield-Levi Boster died at hi home near Houston, Texas county, aged 116 years. He was born in 1790, and had lived in Missouri since 1848 He always were homespun clothing cowhide boots and hickory shirt. His white hair fell over his shoulders and he had worn a long gray bear for over half a century. Boster voted for Andrew Jackson for president, and had voted for every other democratic candidate for president since. He is survived by two sons, William B. Boster, who is 76 years old, and "Doc" Boster, 67 years old.

No More Stay For Aggle Meyers. Jefferson City-Gpv. Folk has re-fused the importunities of persons living in Play county to grant to Aggie Meyers, under sentence of death, and to be hanged January 10, a 60day respite from that date. Under instructions, Pardon Attorney Mosby so wrote those persons. The governor declares emphatically that. having granted four respites in this We must prevent it. Owatoga: he must case, he will not yield further in the same direction.

There Will Be a Shower of Presents. St. Louis-Little 19-months-old Dorothy Kimmey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allison N. Kimmey, of 4143 Lindell boulevard, will be remembered during the holidays by more grandparents and great-grandparents than any other baby in St. Louis, for she probably has a larger number of direct ancestors living than any other haby in the city. Besides the father and mother, the baby has five great-grandparents and four grandparents living.

Want a Midnight Closing Law. Jefferson City-Seventy-five per cen of the crime traceable to saloons, Gov Folk says statistics will show, occurs after midnight, and for that reason there will be incorporated in the bill to be presented to the legislature, asking for a state excise commissionership, a provision requiring all the sa loons in the state to close at midnight every night and to remain closed until 5 o'clock in the morning

All Turkey Records Broken. Pilot Grove-More than 2,000 turwhich the farmers received nearly \$3,500 from local merchants. All rec ords for one day's business in turkeys were broken. The principal streets were blocked with wagons. A special car loaded with turkeys and 70 coops additional were shipped out.

Heavy Postoffice Receipts. Washington-The receipts of the St. Louis postoffice for the month of November were \$328,274, an increase of 4.13 per cent over November of last year. Kansas City, \$137,694, a gain of 3.45 per cent, and St. Joseph \$20. 379, a gain of 6.52 per cent.

Shook Hand of Daughter's Slayer. Springfield-Garland Moore, killed Clara West at Bois D'Arc, was warmly greeted in court by the mother of the dead girl. Among those who crowded forward to shake his hand was the mother of the murdered

A Belle of Long Age. St. Louis-Mrs. Amella Chouteau Churchill, a member of one of the old est families in St. Louis, and in her younger days a famous belle and beauty, died at her home in Louisville, Ky.

Safe Robbery at Drexel. Drexel-The Interstate bank here was robbed of \$4,000. The doors of the safe were blown off. Secured tools from blacksmith shop.

Bad Fire at Rolla, Rolla-Fire destroyed a portion of the business section of this city, entailing a loss of \$65,000. Citizens Large Cargo of Cotton. St. Louis—The steamer Stacker Lee

arrived here the other day with 1,032 bales of cotton. The cargo acre of the wharfage. Died From a Fall, St. Louis-Alfred Gross, 31, of Perry ounty, stepped from a doorway onto the sidewalk and fell, fracturing his

skull. He died. Clinton-Miss Carrie Still, 20, comaltted suicide at Creighton when she learned that a Kansas City man had proved false.

What Trained Nurses Want St Louis-Trained nurses will ask the legislature to enact a law requir ing nurses t o register in orde

Mrs. Minnie Grunewald.
St. Charles — Mrs. Minnie Gruene wald, aged 56, died at her home in this city. She leaves five grown chil-Murdered In Mexico. Mexico—A telegram from Del Rio, Tex., tells of the murder of Biake Cawthorn there. He was the scion

ten return fully convin more wister wheat this year than The average condition is \$1;

Lavender Creighton's Lovers By OLIVIA B. STROHM

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CHAPTER XXL-CONTINUED. She only said: "I understand," a horse was tethered by the wayside The old gig, its dusty sides flapping in the wind, stretched empty shafts, like long, hungry arms, across the road. Lavender climbed into the seat to await the return of Gonzaga, who had taken the horse to drink from the hollow log at the rear of the church. Alone and unobserved, Lavender drew the silp of paper from the little black bag that hung at her waist. Through tears which dimmed the scrawling characters she read the words:

"She will be there; she needs you; some secretly-I ask this favor by my double right. Belle Price." Unnoticed she sat apart from the crowd which was dispersing now with est and banter.

Unnoticed—save by two men, who starting to walk to the village, looked back, and stopped at sight of her. Winslow shaded his eyes. Even at this distance he recognized the graceful heap of muslin in the dusty gig. He stared long, but said nothing, and made no move in her direction.

"My brother will not go, then?" for Owatoga had divined his -knew his desire to join her

find out why he dares." "Owatoga knows," said the Indian.

oracularly. Winslow looked up. "You think

because of what the preacher said? He thinks to marry her?" Then as the other gravely nodded

"Let his thoughts beguile him, then," and a harsh laugh grated through the shut teeth. "He shall never have her! not marry her;" and he turned swiftly down the road with futile anger in his heart. He failed to note that the Indian did

not follow. Intent upon his unhappy thoughts, he did not hear the nificant repetition of his words: "He must not have her," with which Owatoga went back-straight to the girl in At the Indian's approach, she slipped

the yellow envelope with its-to herominous revelation, again into the "Good morning, Owatoga, I feared you were not going to grant me as much as a nod of your feather to-day,"

she said, with forced lightness. But he had no time to waste in pleasantry; the Spaniard might return



THE SHALL NOT HAVE HER! WE MUST PREVENT IT, OWATOGA." eyes were on a level with her own. The white maiden come with yonder one?" and he pointed down the way

the Spanfard had taken. Lavender bowed without speaking "The white maid will be with himalwaya?"

To gain time, she feigned ignorance of his meaning. "Be with him?" she echoed, inquiringly, and he repeated: 'He will take the white maid for his Lavender winced, and her laugh was

high and forced, as she replied: do not call it that; we say 'wife.'" "It is the same," the other insisted. Then as she had not answered him: You will be his wife?" he demanded sternly. There was a moment's hesitation

while Lavender stared into the woods opposite. Just then her hand touched the silken bag, and the paper she had crushed into it rustled a reminder. This was the feather in the scale. She raised her head, "Yes," and she met his stolid gaze defiantly. To her surprise, he only said, with utmost irrelevance: "Come with me-Owatoga has something to show." Then as she besitated. "It is a boon Owatoga craves; he would take a walk with the white maiden," and his stern mouth relaxed in a half smile. And, indeed, why not? She had often taken long walks with him as guide, and he was ever faithful, interesting. Besides, it suited her defiant mood to be absent when Gonzaga should return.

She extended her hand. Owatoga the way at once into the forest-a dense cavern to the south. On he strode into the heart of the wood, nor lay no meaning. paused until the river lay before them -a great glass imaging the sky. She

it is indeed beautiful." She stood on a gentle rise of ground. with the Missouri rolling its muddy torrent at her feet. Stient, secret-bardened it lay, a Sphinz, with giant paws

HERO OF THE CASTAWAYS.

A retired ship captain told this, says the New York Press: "In following the sea for nigh on thirty-nine year I've seen spine tolerable shifty acts of heroism. How's this: When the Maria Avi was wrecked in 1871 in the Maria Avi was wrecked in 1871 in the Wears No Medal. South sea I was 'one of seven who Seven days passed. We were almost drifted to a small island in the whale-test. We had grub enough for two cut. I asked the bride if she had any-

Hie Act Saves His Companions

unity. "Sit in the boat; see, ga has it ready," and from a ing cove he dragged a light,

The shrewd eyes narrowed, and he

replied, with a grunt of hidden ing: "The other is for him." giving her no time for quentic giving her no time for question, he pointed again to the heat he had first dragged forth. "Sit." A cushion in the stern looked most inviting; the boat was apparently secure on the beach. Into it she sprang, seating herself with a sigh of comfort. "Thereit the view is charming; the seat is soft. I am not in danger of being made love to—sitosecher. I am outles why. One to-altogether, I am quite-why, Owa-toga, what are you doing?" for the latter had given the light skiff a vigorous push. It grated a moment on the mand, then off on the river's turbid cress, with the Indian at the oars. The girl gave one glance at the overincreasing passage of water between her and the shore, then sprang to her feet in a panie. But the dangerous rocking of the boat recalled her, and she srnk to the cushion, calm—but with a face blanched to the whiteness of the foam that curled in their wake. "What does this mean? Is it a

"We are going to the old man's; he is Owatoga's friend. He will take the white maid; he will not let her be the Owatoga's friend? But no, it could

not be; he would not call Winslow an "old man." His mysterious manner, his strange words, and, above all, his master's in- rapid rowing away from shore, tended to unnerve her, but she made great effort to hide her fear. Leaning for-To his surprise, the answer was sudden, vehement. "No, Owatoga, I will not go. It would only make me feel more the fool of fortune."

Spanish brave blusters up with his disheartening reply. A shiver passed air of ownership. Some day, I shall over her; the hot wind was a breath of ice; a clammy hand on her brow. Then she mastered the borror, only two helpless tears betrayed struggle.

> "You frighten me, Owatoga, yet know you would do me no harm. Explain, then, why we are going-why you are taking me away." command and pleading in the voice; responded by a less rapid rowing. and a fathomless smile. "You are safe with Owatoga; more safe than with that other." The dilated nostrils and ontemptuous curve of the wide mouth conveyed plainly the speaker's opinion of his master's rival.

> Lavender was beginning to under tand. "Then you wish to take me away from Senor Gonzaga?" "Yes; this is the only way," and he seemed to gather fresh vigor with his words, and tugged stronger at the oars. When they came in sight of the scat-

ered cabins of St. Charles, a new hope sprang in her heart. "You are taking me to the village?" For answer the Indian rowed harder toward midstream. Soon all human habitation was

far behind; the two were alone on the wide river. As calmly as possible, Lavender explained that her worst alarm was for her mother; of the anxiety she would feel. And the other said-less gruffly than he had yet spoken: "Owatoga has thought of that; he has told all

them that the maid is safe with Owatoga." Again: "It is the only way; trust Owatoga," he repeated, with monotonous insistence. And she did trust him. She could been their friend for so long. And they had ever found him faithful. If. then, as he said, her mother's anxiety was aimed directly at the spot when would be relieved, the chief load was they stood in the darkness. lifted from her heart. Whatever was his reason for taking her away-freak. whim, or savage fancy, she felt sure it would not be for long, and, above all, she need have no personal fear. This security was much: it helped her to bear the suspense and fatigue. Dumb and tearless, she watched the shores glide by; the southern bank a vague blur of bluffs, tree-topped. The canne now hugged the northern side so close seemed she could almost wade ashore. They were rowing westward, and once

Owatoga said: "We follow the sun; he, She gave a start. "You must turn back before sunset," but the savage

rowed on unheeding. The afternoon wore away, and still he plied a tireless oar.

At length Lavender nerved herself to ask: "Does your friend-the man you call 'master'-does he know you have taken me away?" The man shook his head, "My master knows nothing," After a pause, he added: "He only said: The yellow man must not have her. He did not say more. What could Owatoga do? There was no other way."

den of his speech, and it vaguely cheered her. Later she ventured fne question "Shall we not land soon?" swamp where grow the tamaracks. She shivered at the gloomy prosp which was not relieved when he added: "We are going to the old man of

the woods." But though she met with only fro ing silence when she asked definite questions, he was considerate of her physical comfort. He had brought an extra cushion and a heavy blanket, and, arranging them in the bottom of the boat, bade her lie down. But she declined, sitting bolt upright, with a tense look of alarm that seemed to touch her companion's pity. He murmured assisted her to the ground, and led now and then a phrase in his own tongue that gave her encouragement and cheer, though in the words themselves

When at last the land was low as swampy, and the horizon serrated with gave a gasp of delight. "Oh, the view: tamaracks, the Indian turned the boat shoreward. A cold breeze sprang as the sun sank. The girl, crouching spondent over the boat's edge, shivered. To her the river was gloomy enough; the land worse-that of sand encroaching on the world land darkening now with twilight and darkening now with twilight takes far more than the ordinary con might lurk, broaded over by gaunt precisely what he means."—Evant tamaracks and a serious transport of the means."—Evant view. Owatoga? It is so lovely, so vivid! | tamaracks and a stariest sky.

thing, a bride, whose hushand was one

"After getting ashore the first thing

At the sound of sand against the tot rose, extending a hand to help be but she sank back, evercome at lea her frame donvulsed with a size

perplexity and distress on his dea face. Then he crept notity to he kness beside her, and his voice ally gruff and harsh—was softened by must not weep; she will be safe-the Great Spirit hears Owatoga swear g. The old man is good; he will be kind

preparation for supper. He had brought in his game bag some cold cornbres and scraps of dried venison. "Est," he ded, and spread them before A flask of elderberry wine com pleted this unique feast, which, laid or the ground, with plantain leaves for vessels, and this tawny savage for cup-bearer, was unreal, fantastic. It was dark when they finished the meal to which Lavender brought the appeut which, in youth, follows fasting, in spite

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With the darkness came a creepy feeling. "It is night, Owatoya," she said, simply, but there was a world of dismay and reproach in her tone, The reply came promptly. "We will soon be with the old man. See," and he led her to a little opening in the grove. She followed the direction of ais finger, but at first could see nothing Before them lay a few yards of muddy weed-grown soil; at its farther edge a rise of ground covered with thick growth of scrub oaks and sumach

Finally in the semi-darkness, the diserned a dark blue reek of smoke curl ing at the base of the hill; then faint light, and the outlines of a cabi or rude shack. She gave a gasp of pleasure; here was light and firehere was a hearth-a home! Owatoga gave a grunt of triumph "There is the but of the old man of the woods-let us go." From the let ward they approached. "The old man has a nose like the deer," Owatog

whispered, as they slipped quietly over the boggy ground to the hut-a half The roof, which sloped from from to back, was of skins stretched of stakes, and fastened to a large log a he base of the hill. The front s uninclosed, and before it smoulders a low fire. Upon this a man, rising from the background, threw an armfu of fagots, which, as they blazed, re vealed the interior. Picturesque primeval it looked in the fitful light the moss depending from cracks

the sides; the skins scattered about the bed of leaves in the corner. And for the man himself, this was a fit setting. He stood, both hands be hind him, gazing at the fire. Of athetic proportions, a giant in stature only the seamed brow and snow-whit hair told of the storm and stress of years. He was dressed in the shirt leggings and moccasins of the hunter A cap of skins was pushed far back from his forehead, as though giving

free range to the wary eyes. Instinct seemed to warn him of the presence of strangers, for he listene to the woman at the inn; she will tell ntently for a moment, looking askance into the thicket near; then backe slowly to where his rifle rested against a tree. Suddenly the girl watching him started as the Indian, who was close at her side, gave a cry, shrill and sharp, like the hoot of an owl. man by the fire brought the gun to his shoulder, and the gleaming barre

"Wait-stay here," her guide commanded, and alone he stalked boldly forward, repeating the owl's cry-thi time with a peculiar intonation. 17 hunter at once relaxed his alarmed at titude, and, resting easily on his rifle, returned the signal, and stood apparently awaiting Owatoga's ap

By the glow of the campfire Laves der could see the meeting of the two men. Both were tall, both seeming of a age, save for the Indian's raven hair and the other's white as the heron wing. Both dark-one with the blood alien race, the other with mor than half a century of forest sun an

snow. For a few moments they talked, the Owatoga returned. "The old man waits for you," he said, and, signia her to follow, led the way to the fire From out its circle the hunter steppe and extended his hand, as the girl well timidly up to him. His voice and mat ner were full of hospitable intent, and with the simple words: "You are well come, giri," he brought a low sto near the fire, yet out of its light.

Though Lavender had dreaded meet The Indian shook his head. "He can ing this stranger, she found it-in the trust Owatoga." And this was the burcalm strength of his presence—easy to talk, and in a few words told he story. "Now, sir, you know why upon you is thrust the shelter of a helples woman." The old man laughed los "Owatoga tells me he would not have you the 'squaw of the yellow man

And tell me, will you, who is this 'yo low man?" Even in this dim light he could se that his guest flushed as she replied "A Spaniard, sir-one Senor Gonzac to whom I am betrothed," she co cluded, with sudden inability to part

sat a fearless honesty. "And Owatoga will not have yo marry him? I see; instead, he brough you for safe-keeping to the 'old man the woods.' Owatoga and I have been friends for many weeks; you see, blings have often met."

Then he turned to the luc.an, "

sat by, grim and satisfied: "Aad wh 'old man' to do with her?" (To Be Continued.) A Delicate Undertaking. "Do you admire frankness?" "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "b I dislike unskilled attempts at it.

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